

Magnificent Whooping Crane Month - May 2016



Celebrate the Whooping Crane, one of North America's most endangered birds. ADMISSION is FREE. Enjoy these fun family activities:

- **Endangered Species Day** Friday, May 20, Learn about and celebrate the progress made to protect wildlife since the creation of the Endangered Species Act in 1973.
- **Family Fun Days** (all ages welcome) Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy self-paced interactive events for all ages. Available throughout the day.
- **Whooping Crane Presentations** also on Saturday May 21: 11:00 by Dr. Glenn Olsen, Veterinarian, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and 1:00 by Dr. Sarah Converse, Research Ecologist in the Endangered Species Research Group, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.
- **Whooping Crane Observatory Tours** on Sundays (May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29), from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (*Registration is required; call 301-497-5887 for reservations.*)
- **Measure Up Activity** - discover how tall you are compared to the height of a Whooping Crane; see if "your wingspan" is as wide as a Whooping Crane's.
- **Whooping Crane Videos** - watch these endangered birds and see them dance!
- **Exhibits** featuring Whooping Cranes and efforts to save them from extinction.
- See entire calendar of activities at:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1blnnrD4KraQ5hQGyYb_oJqaRd5PDLejiagITumc62RA/edit?usp=sharing.

Join us for Family Fun Days activities on May 20 and 21 as we celebrate the Whooping Crane, International Migratory Bird Day and Endangered Species Day.

Location: National Wildlife Visitor Center, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708, just off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197, see detailed directions at: <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/directions.html>. Call 301-497-5887 for information and special accommodations.

Coordinated by the Friends of Patuxent Adopt A Whooper Committee. Contact person: Ken Lavish; 301-384-4557; devish@verizon.net. All programs and activities are FREE; donations to the Adopt A Whooper Program are greatly appreciated and tax deductible!



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